the people in this behalf, to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future elections?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—(*a*) No instances of the kind complained of have come to the notice of Government.

(*b*) In view of the answer to question (*a*) this question does not arise.

(*c*) Any representations made by the people will be considered in the usual course.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Mir Mahomed.

Is it not possible to lay down that the Polling Officer should not be of the status less than that of an Assistant Commissioner?

Dewan.

It is a suggestion and not a question arising out of the interpellation.

MESSRS. G. RAJAGOPALACHAR, GUBBI MUNICIPALITY AND ABDUL NABIKHAN, TUMKUR TALUK.—

Q.—17. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the grounds on which the previous gradation list of the Education Department was recently modified, particularly that concerning the High School teachers?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table the several orders passed by the Inspector-General of Education relating to the matter of deciding seniority and promotion of officers in the Education Department since 1917, and in particular, orders passed on 30th October 1920, 10th March 1921, and 27th September 1923, and will the Government be pleased to state the principles governing appointments, seniority and promotion in graded appointments?

(*c*) Have the Government perused the articles published in the Mysore Chronicle regarding the grievances of High School teachers?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state why the following officers Messrs. R. K. Sangameswarier,

K. Venkataswamier, Pranatharthihara Iyer, K. N. Kini, and Abdul Gaffoor, appointed on intermediate or minimum salaries since July 1917, were made to supersede a number of senior officers of about 15 years' standing who earned the grade on Rs. 75-10-125 even so long back as 1st January 1914?

(*e*) Are the Government aware that the supersession by the abovesaid officers is inconsistent with the principle followed hitherto in the matter of seniority and promotion to Rs. 150 and 175 and also strictly observed accordingly by the late Inspector-General of Education in all cases of confirmation, promotion and grading according to seniority?

(*f*) Will the Government be pleased to state the special consideration that prevailed in the matter of the appointment of Mr. Sivaraman, late Head Master of Banumiah's High School, as Vice-Principal, Training College, Mysore, and will they also state if there was not one competent to be appointed among those who were in the Department already?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(*a*) The gradation list has not been modified; only a few changes have been made with regard to the rank of certain officers.

(*b*) The orders of 30th October 1920, 10th March 1921 and 27th September 1923 referred to are Government Orders and not orders of the Inspector-General. Copies of these are placed on the Table. Ordinarily appointments are made on the minimum pay of the grades attached to the posts but in special cases it is not uncommon to make appointments on the maximum of the grade or any intermediate stage of the grade in view of the higher academical qualifications of the candidates or for other reasons. In such cases, unless a stipulation is made to the contrary, the principle accepted is that rank should follow pay.

(*c*) Government have perused some of these articles.

(*d*) & (*e*) The reasons for the decision in these cases are explained in the Government Order of 27th September 1923.

(*f*) Mr. Sivaraman was selected on the grounds of his qualifications, experience and fitness.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

Will the Government be pleased to give an answer to my Interpellation (*f*)?

First Member of Council.

It will not be in the interests of the service to answer section (*f*) of the Interpellation.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

Will the Government be pleased to state whether, by the appointment of Mr. Sivaraman as Vice-Principal of the Training College at Mysore, dissatisfaction was not caused to the men already in service?

First Member.

Whenever a man not already in any department of Government is appointed to any post, naturally, those already in that department will be dissatisfied; but it cannot be said that the service as a whole suffers on account of such new men being entertained.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

With reference to the answer to section (*a*) of my interpellation, will the Government be pleased to state whether a modification of the gradation list of the Education Department is under contemplation?

Dewan.

The meaning of the answer is that necessary changes in accordance with the principles already enunciated will be made and that there is no intention of changing the whole gradation list.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

Will the Government be pleased to state whether the changes that have been made in the Gradation list are in accordance with the principle that pay and promotions should depend on the date of appointment?

First Member.

The date of appointment is not the principle followed in giving promotions; and though the Inspector-General has stated this to be the principle, Government have subsequently changed it according to what appeared to them to be a correct principle. This principle has been

enunciated in the Government Order dated 27th September 1923, *viz.*, that rank will follow the pay drawn by the official concerned.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

According to the Service Regulations, the date of appointment is the criterion. Moreover the answer given to my interpellation, Part (*a*) is not clear to me. I cannot understand the distinction between modification and change.

First Member.

Change means overhauling. Modification does not go so far as that.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

A small change is also a modification. As far as I can see the answer is subtle. In fact, it is no answer at all. I cannot see the principle on which the gradation list is modified.

First Member.

That principle has already been enunciated in the Government Order referred to, *viz.*, that rank follows pay.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

On page 15, Annexure VIII, it is stated—"In the departmental schedules prepared by the department the names of persons in each of the two grades are being shown in the order of the date of appointment to the grade irrespective of the pay on which they were started." That is the order referred to as the order of September 1923. That is the order referred to on page 12 in the reply.

First Member.

So far as the changes are concerned only a few changes are made in the rank for the reasons given in the order of 1923, *viz.*, that rank will follow pay. If an officer is appointed on Rs. 90 in the grade of 75 to 125, his place will be regulated by the pay he has been allowed.

Mr. G. Rajagopalachar.

Am I to understand that the principle Government have laid down in all these orders is that the date of

getting the grade and not the pay should determine the seniority?

First Member.

Pay is included in the grade.

Dewan.

No further discussion on the interpellation can be allowed.

MR. SURYANARAIN RAO, TUMKUR TALUK.—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table statistics regarding the following particulars concerning the Sub-Judge's Court at Bangalore for the past three years prior to this date?

(1) Number of regular and small cause suits filed by the public, with the number of hearings granted in respect thereof.

(2) Number of regular and small cause suits filed by the Mysore Bank.

(3) Number of execution cases filed with the number of adjournments.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—The information required is placed on the Table.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Suryanarayana Rao.

Details that I have asked for are not given in the answer.

First Member.

Whatever you have asked has been answered. It is possible to give all the details in any one case but if you ask for all the details in regard to each and every case filed and disposed of in the Sub-court, it is impossible to furnish you with that information. You have asked for the total number of cases and this information is given.